

Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed 25 bills and 1 concurrent resolution under suspension of the rules.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9777–S9867

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2052–2054. **Page S9853**

Measures Passed:

Indian Land Claims: Senate passed H.R. 740, to confer jurisdiction on the United States Court of Federal Claims with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9863**

Antarctic Environmental Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 3060, to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1645, to regulate United States scientific and tourist activities in Antarctica, and to conserve Antarctic resources, with the following amendment: **Pages S9863–67**

Bond (for Stevens) Amendment No. 5186, to provide for a polar research and policy study. **Pages S9863–64**

Subsequently, S. 1645 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S9867**

VA/HUD Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S9778–S9835**

Adopted:

Committee amendment on page 104, lines 21 through 24, relating to NASA's Bion mission. (By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 266), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S9778, S9799**

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 268), McCain Modified Amendment No. 5177, to require a plan

for the allocation of Department of Veterans Affairs health care resources. **Pages S9797–98, S9820**

Bond Amendment No. 5167, to further amend certain provisions relating to housing. **Pages S9778, S9822–23**

Bond Amendment No. 5181, to establish a requirement for HUD to maintain public notice and comment rulemaking. **Pages S9823–24**

Bond (for Shelby) Amendment No. 5182, to provide for the conveyance of certain real property to the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. **Page S9824**

McCain Modified Amendment No. 5176, to restrict the use of FEMA funds for certain activities. **Pages S9795–96, S9824**

Bond Amendment No. 5183, of a technical nature. **Page S9824**

Bond (for Bennett) Amendment No. 5184, to provide for a GAO audit on staffing and contracting of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight. **Page S9825**

Mikulski (for Sarbanes/Warner/Feinstein) Amendment No. 5185, to prohibit the consolidation of NASA aircraft at Dryden Flight Research Center, California. **Page S9825**

Rejected:

Bumpers Amendment No. 5178, to prohibit the use of funds on the space station program. (By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9799–S9820**

Withdrawn:

Thomas Amendment No. 5179, to increase funding for the Council on Environmental Quality. **Pages S9825–26**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. **Pages S9821–22**

Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-

agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, on Thursday, September 5, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon.

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D.C. Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3845, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, on Thursday, September 5, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Taxation Agreement with Turkey (Treaty Doc. No. 104-30);

Taxation Convention with Austria (Treaty Doc. No. 104-31);

Taxation Protocol Amending Convention with Indonesia (Treaty Doc. No. 104-32); and

Taxation Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 104-33).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate on Tuesday, September 3, and Wednesday, September 4, 1996, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—268)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 5, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9867).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings on S. 1678, to abolish the Department of Energy, receiving testimony from Representative Tiahrt; Charles B. Curtis, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Harold P. Smith, Jr., Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs); Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Capt. John W. Crawford, Jr., USN (Ret.), Member, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Caspar Weinberger, Forbes Magazine, Washington, D.C.; Shelby T. Brewer, S. Brewer Enterprises, Inc., Simsbury, Connecticut; Carole Keeton Rylander, Railroad Commission of Texas, Austin; and Egidio V. Silveri, Go-Tane Service Stations, Inc., Melrose Park, Illinois.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

TEEN DRUG USE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain issues with regard to the recent rise in teenage drug use, after receiving testimony from Senator McConnell; Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and John P. Walters, New Citizen Project, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4018-4023; 2 private bills, H.R. 4024-4025; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 189, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2135, to provide for the correction of boundaries of certain lands in Clark County, Nevada, acquired by persons who purchased such lands in